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Sir:

Attached is a divisional application of Reissue Application No.
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1. A twenty-three (23) page specification including:

First and Second Pages of Original Patent

Columns 1-12 of Original Patent

Additional claims 4-11 (3 sheets)

Six (6) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, 4B,
4C, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 7C, 8) from Original Patent

Abstract

2. Copies of original Reissue Declaration, Statement under 37
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Surrender, all from parent Reissue Application No.

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3. Preliminary Amendment
4. Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449
5. Confirmation Claim for Priority

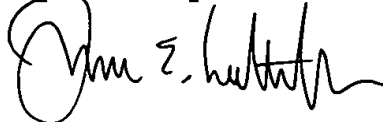
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METHOD FOR DETERMINING MOTION COMPENSATION

[This is a division of application Ser. No. 07/970,046 filed
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This is a reissue continuation application of
reissue application no. 09/559,627 (now U.S. Patent
No.), which is a reissue of United States
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5,369,449 issued November 29, 1994. The following
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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a method for determining motion compensation of a moving image to be utilized in an apparatus which requires a prediction of a moving image such as an image transmission apparatus and an image apparatus.

2. Description of the Prior Art

With the progress of semiconductor technologies, methods for determining motion compensation to be utilized for a transmission of an image and a compression of an image have been widely used in many fields in recent years. Among such conventional methods for compensating for motion of a moving image, there is one method for compensating for motion of a moving image based on one piece of a reference image.

FIG. 6 is a diagram for showing the concept of the conventional method for compensating for motion of an image. Referring to FIG. 6, a moving image signal is a set of images which are sampled with an equal time interval t_0 on the time axis. For example, an NTSC signal has images sampled at every $1/60$ second for each field and a PAL signal has images sampled at every $1/50$ second for each field. When a certain object of which images are to be picked up is moving, for example, the spatial position of an object A in an M-th image is deviated from the spatial position of an object A' in an (M-1)-th image by a portion of a move of the object during a period of t_0 . Now, consider a case for predicting the M-th image from the (M-1)-th image. In order to make a determination of the M-th image with a high level of precision by compensating for motion of the object from an input image to a reference image during a time difference of t_0 , the M-th image is divided into blocks including at least one pixel, and a move of each block from the (M-1)-th image to the M-th image is detected so that a pixel value of the image at a position deviated by the portion of this move is set as a determined value. This will be explained with reference to FIG. 6. To obtain a determined value of a pixel X of the M-th image, a pixel X' at the same spatial position as the spatial position of the pixel X in the (M-1)-th image is deviated by a detected move MV of a block unit including the pixel X, so that a pixel X'' is obtained. This pixel X'' is then used as a determined value of the pixel X. In FIG. 6 the block is assumed to have a size of 3×3 .

When a signal is an interlace signal, there are many alternative cases considered for predicting compensation for motion of an image. For example, either a frame or a field is used for the image, and a frame is used for a reference image and a field is used for an input image, etc. The basic principle is as explained with reference to FIG. 6 above. As one of the examples of the above method for predicting motion compensation, there is Recommendation 723, "Transmission of component-coded digital television signals for contribution-quality at the third hierarchical level of CCITT Recommendation G.702" which was standardized by the CCITT (Commission Mixte CCIR/CCITT pour les Transmissions Televisuelles et Sonores 3). In this recommendation, a determination of motion compensation between frames and a determination of motion compensa-

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OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT

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Sir:

The undersigned Applicant of the above-captioned Reissue Application for the reissue of Letters Patent for METHOD FOR PREDICTING MOVE COMPENSATION, U. S. Patent No. 5,745,182, granted on April 28, 1998, of which Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. is now sole owner by assignment and on whose behalf and with whose assent the accompanying application is made, hereby offers to surrender said Letters Patent. The original Letters Patent will be forwarded to the Patent and Trademark Office upon

notification that the Reissue Application is in condition for allowance. A soft copy of said patent is attached hereto for reference.

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